

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 17, 2009**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 17, 2009, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This response is timely filed within three months of the mailing of the present action.

**The Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.